

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Bob Lake, on March 28, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bob Lake, Chairman (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Jon Sonju, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. Robin Hamilton (D)
Rep. Edward Hilbert (R)
Rep. Mike Jopek (D)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Bill Nooney (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 403, 3/20/2007; SB 416,
3/21/2007

Executive Action: HB 572; HB 816; HB 822; SB 215
SB 403; SB 487; SB 492; SB 507
HB 8

HEARING ON SB 416

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:32 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 416, Secretary of State - Department of Revenue taxpayer identification.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:26 Gene Walborn, Department of Revenue

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00:07:51 Mark Simonich, representing Secretary of State Brad Johnson

Opponents' Testimony:

00:12:10 John Bennion, representing Montana Chamber of Commerce

Informational Testimony:

00:13:47 Monica Smith, Legal Council, Legislative Services Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:17 Rep. Erickson

00:17:13 Rep. Nooney

00:21:51 Rep. McAlpin

00:24:02 Rep. Cohenour

00:25:13 Rep. Jopek

00:33:20 Rep. Butcher

00:38:52 Rep. Nooney

00:41:25 Rep. Ross

00:46:34 Rep. Cohenour

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:35 Sen. Christine Kaufmann

HEARING ON SB 403

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:52:38 Sen. Greg Lind (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 403, Revise property tax exemption for disabled veterans.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:54:47 Col. Jim Jacobsen, U.S. Army, Ret., representing American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:55:52 Tracey Lame, Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:11 Rep. Lambert
00:57:52 Rep. Erickson
00:59:47 Chairman Lake

Closing by Sponsor:

01:00:52 Sen. Greg Lind

Discussion:

01:01:35 Chairman Lake
01:04:06 Recess
01:31:44 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 403

01:32:20 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 403 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:32:41 Rep. Erickson
01:33:04 Rep. McAlpin
01:33:25 Chairman Lake

01:33:47 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Cohenour will carry SB 403.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 822

01:35:12 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 822 DO PASS.**

01:35:55 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 822 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah66a02)

Discussion:

01:36:15 Jeff Martin
01:38:41 Rep. Cohenour
01:40:31 Chairman Lake
01:41:21 Jeff Martin
01:41:32 Rep. Cohenour
01:42:37 Chairman Lake
01:42:56 Rep. Cohenour
01:43:21 Rep. Hamilton
01:43:55 Chairman Lake
01:44:56 Rep. Sonju
01:45:30 Rep. Reinhart

01:46:27 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 16-2 by voice vote with Reps.
Lake and Sonju voting no.

01:46:54 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 822 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED.

Discussion:

01:47:06 Rep. Butcher
01:47:51 Rep. Ross
01:48:39 Rep. Cohenour
01:50:18 Rep. Nooney

01:50:48 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** 10-8 by roll call vote with Reps.
Blasdel, Butcher, Hilbert, Lake, Lambert, Ross, Sonju,
and Vincent voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 215

01:52:08 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 215 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:52:46 Without object, Rep Sonju withdrew the motion.

HEARING ON HB 8

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:53:03 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 8, Renewable resource bonds and loans.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:55:07 Rep. Dave Kasten

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 215

01:55:30 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 215 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:56:00 Rep. Sonju

01:57:13 Rep. Nooney

01:57:26 Rep. Hilbert

01:57:50 Rep. Cohenour

01:59:27 Rep. Erickson

02:01:39 Rep. Butcher

02:03:05 Rep. Pomnichowski left the hearing.

02:03:35 Rep. Jopek

02:04:18 Rep. McAlpin

02:04:46 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye and Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

02:05:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **SB 215 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 487

02:06:23 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 487 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:06:31 Jeff Martin

02:07:11 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lambert made a substitute motion that **SB 487 BE TABLED. SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED** 11-7 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting no and Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 492

02:09:15 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 492 BE CONCURRED IN.**

02:09:22 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lambert made a substitute motion that **SB 492 BE TABLED. SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 507

02:10:13 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **SB 507 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:10:32 Rep. Ross

02:10:57 Rep. Cohenour

02:11:16 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ross made a substitute motion that **SB 507 BE TABLED. SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 572

02:12:05 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that **HB 572 DO PASS.**

02:13:00 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that **HB 572 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah66a03)

Discussion:

02:13:20 Jeff Martin

02:16:28 Rep. Erickson

02:17:40 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

02:17:58 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that **HB 572 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:18:17 Rep. Erickson
02:20:18 Chairman Lake
02:20:36 Rep. Erickson
02:22:20 Rep. Cohenour

02:22:56 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye and Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

02:23:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Butcher moved that **HB 572 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote with Rep. Pomnichowski voting by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 816

02:24:06 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that **HB 816 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:24:16 Rep. Erickson
02:25:47 Rep. Pomnichowski returned to the hearing.

02:34:20 Rep. Cohenour
02:36:03 Rep. Ross
02:36:50 Rep. Nooney
02:37:25 Chairman Lake
02:38:39 Rep. Erickson

02:39:45 **Vote:** **MOTION FAILED** 8-10 by roll call vote with Reps. Bixby, Cohenour, Erickson, Grinde, Hamilton, Jopek, McAlpin, and Pomnichowski voting aye.

02:40:35 **Motion/Vote:** REP. ERICKSON moved that **HB 816 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

02:41:58 Chairman Lake
02:42:13 Jeff Martin

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 8

02:43:48 **Motion:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 8 DO PASS.**
EXHIBIT(tah66a04)

02:45:05 **Motion:** Rep. Cohenour moved that **HB 8 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(tah66a05)

Discussion:

02:46:09 Rep. Butcher

02:46:22 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously by voice vote.

02:46:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sonju moved that **HB 8 DO PASS AS**
AMENDED. MOTION CARRIED 14-4 by voice vote with Reps.
Vincent, Jopek, Cohenour and Sonju voting no.

Additional Exhibit:

EXHIBIT(tah66a06)

Pertaining to SB 539 heard in Committee on March 26, 2007

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00 A.M.

REP. BOB LAKE, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah66aad.pdf](#))